

1 HOUSE BILL NO. 774
2 AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
3 (Proposed by the House Committee on Commerce and Energy
4 on _____)
5 (Patron Prior to Substitute--Delegate Hodges)

6 A BILL to direct the Department of Energy and the Department of Environmental Quality to analyze the
7 life cycle of renewable energy facilities; report.

8 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

9 1. § 1. The State Corporation Commission shall create a task force, in consultation with the Department
10 of Energy and the Department of Environmental Quality, to analyze the life cycle of renewable energy
11 facilities, including solar, wind, and battery storage components. The analysis shall assess the (i)
12 feasibility, costs, recycling and salvage opportunities, waste strategies, and liability for the
13 decommissioning of materials; (ii) potential impacts of underground infrastructure post-
14 decommissioning; and (iii) potential impacts of the life cycle on farming, forestry, and sensitive wetlands.
15 The task force shall include representatives of municipalities, the Virginia Solar Energy Development and
16 Energy Storage Authority, the Department of Energy, and the Department of Environmental Quality and
17 at least one representative for each of the following sectors: agriculture, forestry, regulated electric service
18 providers, competitive electric service providers, and rural utility consumer services cooperatives. The
19 State Corporation Commission shall submit a report of the task force's analysis to the Governor and the
20 Chairs of the House Committee on Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources and the Senate
21 Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources no later than December 1, 2022.

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